REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of February 28th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 10, 2003, two Newport News, Virginia Police Detectives observed a male, later identified as Kenneth Pressley, walking down the street in broad daylight wearing a ski mask and carrying a shotgun. When the officers approached Pressley in their vehicle, he fired 7 rounds of buckshot, hitting the vehicle multiple times before fleeing on foot. The officers returned fire, grazing Pressley. Detectives believe they may have interrupted Pressley as he was en route to execute a rival drug dealer. Pressley was arrested on March 15, 2003, but the charges were later nolle processed. On January 10, 2005, the charges were reinstated by a Newport News Grand Jury and the Norfolk Office of the USMS Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force adopted the fugitive investigation in mid-February of 2005. On March 2, 2005, deputy U.S. marshals from Norfolk, Virginia traveled to Greenville, North Carolina and teamed up with USMS personnel and task force officers from the Eastern North Carolina Violent Crimes Task Force. On March 4, 2005, the two task forces located and arrested Pressley at a residence in Greenville, North Carolina.



Kenneth Pressley

Wanted for Attempted Capital Murder of Two Police Officers and Multiple Firearms Violations

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Camden, New Jersey has been identified by the United States government as the "most dangerous city in the country." To help make Camden a safer community, the U.S. Marshals Service is leading the effort to locate and apprehend Camden's "50 Most Wanted Fugitives." The most recent "50 Most Wanted" arrest was that of Fernando Espinal, a 47-year-old Dominican national who was wanted by Camden City Police Department for homicide. On October 5, 2004 the subject allegedly used a sword to stab a 25-year-old male victim during a traffic dispute in Camden. The victim died as a result of wounds sustained during the attack. Upon the request of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) located and arrested Espinal, on March 3, 2005 in the Bronx, New York.



Fernando Espinal

Wanted for Murder

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Jie Chen was arrested on March 3, 2005, in Las Vegas, Nevada by members of the U.S. Marshals Nevada Fugitive Investigative Strike Team (NV-FIST), based on information provided by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG). Chen was wanted by the DePere, Wisconsin Police Department for murder and burglary in connection with the October 22, 2004 slaying of a victim at her home in DePere. The victim, a 33-year-old wife and mother of two, had moved to Wisconsin from New York City following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in an effort to find a safer place to raise her family. On the afternoon of October 22, 2004, her husband and two children, ages 9 and 5, came home to find her body lying on the floor between the living room and kitchen. She had been brutally bludgeoned with a hammer and a meat cleaver to the extent that she was disfigured and investigators were unable to determine the number of times that she had been struck. Gong's murder was the first to occur in DePere since 1977. On February 24, 2005, an arrest warrant was issued for Chen, charging him with the crime. On March 2, 2005, DePere investigators contacted Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Major Crimes Detectives assigned to the PSWRFTF and requested assistance in locating Chen, who was believed to be frequenting a casino in the city of Compton, California. Subsequent investigation in conjunction with TOG revealed that Chen had left the Los Angeles area and traveled to Las Vegas, where he was believed to be associated with a specific Chinese restaurant. PSWRFTF/LASD investigators immediately contacted their colleagues with the NV-FIST who established surveillance at the restaurant. Within 45 minutes of arriving in Las Vegas, Chen was observed at the restaurant and taken into custody by NV-FIST personnel.



Wanted for Murder and Burglary

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On February 28, 2005, the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Charles Fomby in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fomby was wanted by Allen County, Indiana authorities for the February 6, 2005 murder of a victim, who had been shot 20 times. Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force investigators in Indianapolis received lead information from U.S. Marshals investigators in Fort Wayne, Indiana and with the assistance of Marion County Sheriffs Deputies, located and arrested Fomby without incident. Fomby is also a suspect in a number of unsolved homicides in Indiana.



Charles Fomby

Wanted for Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On March 3, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), with assistance from the Gwinnett County, Georgia Police Department, arrested Coyle Kennedy at a house in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Kennedy, a gang member from Denver, Colorado, was indicted by the FBI in that district for his participation in a large scale crack cocaine conspiracy. The case started as an OCDETF investigation into the Rolling 60's street gang and was eventually turned over to the U.S. Marshals for apprehension purposes. The SERFTF received a collateral lead from the U.S. Marshals district task force in Denver on February 16, 2005 indicating that Kennedy had traveled to the Lawrenceville, Georgia with his girlfriend to stay with her at her residence. On the morning of March 3, 2005, SERFTF investigators surveilling the house, called the residence and an adult male answered the phone. Several minutes later, a female drove into the garage in the vehicle described in the collateral At approximately 10:30 am, the front door of the house was breached and Kennedy was taken into custody without incident. Although the initial investigation targeted the Rolling 60's gang, Kennedy stated after his arrest that he was an avowed member of the Bloods and had only indirect dealings with the other gang. He has an extensive criminal history in the Colorado area including numerous arrests for narcotics offenses, assault, auto theft, escape, and obstruction of officers.

Bloods Gang Member



Coyle Kennedy

Wanted for Participation in a Large Scale Crack Cocaine Conspiracy